

Antitrust, Franchising, and Trade Regulation Section

The Antitrust, Franchising, and Trade Regulation Section is holding a seminar on the basics of franchise law on Thursday, November 29 at the Hotel Baronette, 27790 Novi Road in Novi. (The hotel will serve a wide-variety menu lunch.) The seminar will focus on the basics of franchise law as well as the cutting-edge issues a practitioner is likely to face in this expanding field. To register for the seminar, visit <http://www.michbar.org/antitrust/events.cfm>.

Business Law Section

The section has developed an electronic newsletter, which you will receive monthly by e-mail. The purpose of the newsletter is to let you know what is happening within the section and around the business community. The next council meeting will be held at Dickinson Wright in Detroit on December 1 at 10 a.m. If you are interested in becoming involved in section activities, please contact our section leadership listed at <http://www.michbar.org/business/>.

Labor and Employment Law Section

On September 27, the section held its annual meeting, electing the following new

officers and council members: David Calzone, chairperson; Dan Bretz, vice chairperson; Jeff Donahue, secretary; Darcie Brault, treasurer; Megan Norris; Robert Palmer; and Joe Starr. In addition, Judge Kurtis T. Wilder offered perspectives from "Behind the Court of Appeals Bench," Mary Ann Helveston and Katherine Smith Kennedy analyzed the differences between federal and Michigan law in discrimination cases, and James Boutrous addressed the rules governing electronic discovery.

Legal Assistants Section

The election of officers and council members was held at the section's annual meeting on September 28. Officers elected were Nicole M. Cook, chairperson-elect; Jeanne Nyhuis, secretary; and Marianne Delaney, CLA, treasurer. Council members elected were Rebecca Opipari; Ida Rose Farhat, ACP; Jaxine L. Wintjen, CLA; Vanessa A. Lozzi; and Elsie Morren. Cheryl J. Nodarse, CLA, assumed the position of chairperson. The section also voted to change its name to the Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section.

Prisons and Corrections Section

The section held its annual meeting during the State Bar Annual Meeting in Grand

Rapids. Three council members were re-elected to three-year terms: Enid Livingston, Michigan Parole Board; Kevin Thom, assistant attorney general; and Barbara Levine, director of CAPPs. The section adopted two bylaw amendments. Michael Marutiak, of SOAHR, was elected chairperson for 2007–2008. The council has two vacancies, which can be filled by vote at regular monthly meetings. Interested parties may notify the section chair.

Real Property Law Section

"Water and Real Estate Transactions: Why Real Estate Lawyers Need to Know How to Swim" will be held December 6, 2 p.m.–5 p.m., at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. The section would like to thank Ronald Reynolds of Berry, Reynolds & Rogowski PC in Farmington Hills for moderating this program. Cost: section members, \$80; non-section members, \$90; ICLE partners, free. Live webcast available. For details or to register online, visit www.icle.org/hb/dec.

Taxation Section

The section council elected new officers on September 19: Jay Kennedy, chairperson; Jess Bahs, vice chairperson; Ron Charlebois, treasurer; and Gina Torielli, secretary. The State and Local Tax Committee met October 9 to discuss the new Michigan Business Tax, which is posted on the section website. Future After Hours Tax seminars, held at The Inn at St. John's, include "International Tax—Demystifying Europe and China" on January 29 and "Hot Topics in Estate and Gift Tax" on February 26.

Workers' Compensation Law Section

The fall section meeting is scheduled for December 14 in Detroit. Spaces are still available for the winter section meeting in February. Contact Fred Bleakley for details. The spring section meeting is now scheduled for June 19–21, 2008, at Shanty Creek Resort. Please save the date. ■